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Sir:

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Responsive to the communication of November 19, 2008 reiterating the requirement for an election of species from the M-2 to M-9 species of claim 1, applicant elects the M-2 species.

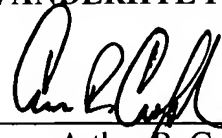
Please examine the elected claims 1 – 3 and the M-2 species on the merits taking into account the documents cited in the International Search Report in the underlying PCT application and the Information Disclosure Statements filed July 6, 2005 and June 22, 2006.

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